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Generosity reciprocated

REUNION

Man who reunited family with dog offered money, ticket

Lawrence Dalle Vedove sobbed.

The 51-year-old Hamilton resident, who became a hero overnight after offering $5,000 to help reunite a dog with its family, has become the recipient of generosity himself.

Dalle Vedove gave up his vacation fund to visit Australia after hearing about an 80-year-man with dementia whose dog wound up lost and adopted by a new family.

That family wanted to keep the dog — a 10-year-old miniature pinscher boxer mix named Kimbo — but decided to return him in exchange for Dalle Vedove's $5,000 offer.

Since Kimbo was returned to Karl Daniels and his family in an emotional reunion on Tuesday, several people have come forward with offers of cash, cheques and a crowd-funding campaign to repay Dalle Vedove for his generosity. But it was one particular gesture that broke the dam — a free plane ticket to Australia.

"I didn't mean to cry," he whispered.

"Oh, god," he said, once told by Torstar that Expedia Canada was willing to cover his trip.

"I don't know what to say. Thank you. I'm grateful. I don't know what to say. I don't."

Kimbo gets pats from Tres Daniels and Lawrence Dalle Vedove. Kimbo the dog was reunited with his family after getting lost and then adopted by another family. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The $5,000 Dalle Vedove had used to secure Kimbo's return had originally been saved for a trip to Australia.

Lawrence's act of kindness touched and inspired the travel company, said Adam Francis of Expedia Canada.

The outreach didn't end there.

Kimbo's owners were so appreciative, that they launched a Go Fund Me page to raise the $5,000 he spent on them. As of Wednesday night, it had raised more than $2,400.

"We were talking about that... how do we go about giving him back his money? We were thinking about starting a Go Fund Me campaign" said Michelle Daniels, Karl's daughter.

> **I wasn't expecting it . . . people are calling me a hero — I'm not a hero.**
> Dalle Vedove

Dalle Vedove said anything he receives over the $5,000 he offered to help Kimbo will be donated to an animal welfare organization.

"He's a hero," Michelle Daniels said.

Dalle Vedove brushed off the accolade.

"It's overwhelming," he said. "I wasn't expecting it . . . people are calling me a hero — I'm not a hero. I think of our fallen soldiers, and our first responders who lay their lives on the line for us are heroes . . . I'm not a hero."

A registered medical technologist at Hamilton Health Sciences, Dalle Vedove lives with two Dobermans, Zee and Halo.

He came forward for the Daniels family because he went through a similar experience in 2010 when Zee went missing for several months.

Zee was later found by a Doberman rescue group by the side of a road after getting hit by a car, but required over $10,000 of veterinary care to recover.

Dalle Vedove has helped with animal rescue before.

Earlier this year, he saw a picture on social media of a Doberman who was tied up and left in an industrial lot in Toronto.

"I just picked up my phone and called Bridget Oakes, my veterinary assistant friend, and said we are going to Toronto right now," he said. "I said we are going to rescue a dog."

When they reached the place, a small group of about eight people had gathered and helped push the wooden fence down.

The dog was "very hungry, appeared emaciated and ate several bowls of food and maybe water."

No one wanted to pick up the dog because it looked weak, he said.

"I knew time was of the essence and I knelt down and cradled him with my arms and lifted him into the SUV." He then offered $100 to help with the vet bill.

Although Dalle Vedove isn't rich, Oakes says "he's probably the most generous person I know, especially when it comes to animals"

She's not surprised he stepped up for Kimbo.

"He does things like that all the time," she said. "But $5,000 . . . that's definitely the biggest one that he's done."

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IN BRIEF

Man charged, identified in collision case

A man charged in connection with the collision that left teen twins in serious condition on Halloween night in Toronto has been identified.

Yung Cheung Chow, 44, has been charged with criminal negligence causing bodily harm and dangerous driving causing bodily harm.

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Couple charged with importing fentanyl

A Canadian couple is accused of importing fentanyl products from China into the United States and then mailing the powerful opioid drugs to Canada.

Karl and Sorina Morrison, both 59, were arrested at a border crossing near Niagara Falls, N.Y. The Kitchener couple has been charged with conspiracy to import and export controlled substances and analogues, and attempt to export controlled substances and analogues.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Service suspended after person hit by train

Train service on the Lakeshore East GO line was suspended Wednesday evening, after a VIA train struck and killed a pedestrian east of Rouge Hill station. Metrolinx spokesperson Anne-Marie Aikins said it happened around 8:30 p.m. in an area with no level crossing or platform. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Goodwill fuels Danier's return

FASHION

Designers happy to see company focus its offerings

Nichole Jankowski
For Metro
THE RETAIL INSIDER

It was perhaps the most Canadian insolvency suit of all time.

When Danier Leather filed for creditor protection earlier this year, the company's chief financial officer cited a downfill outerwear trend that had eroded their market share as well as "the extremely cold and long winters in 2014 and 2015" that left the retailer with an excess of lightweight jackets that had to be liquidated.

But despite going bankrupt, Danier Leather paid invoices to manufacturers, as well as everything it owed staff, including vacation pay and severance.

"As a result of that there was a lot of goodwill," explains Olga Koel, a former executive who was hired back as managing director when the company was bought out this summer.

And that goodwill has fuelled a rapid return of the brand.

The deal closed in July and Koel headed to China to meet with vendors.

"A lot of people wanted to see it succeed," she says, explaining manufacturers who used to provide stock for Danier Leather's 84 stores were willing to fulfill orders below minimums.

Koel was also able to call on former staff, including menswear and womenswear designers Peter DeFreitas and Zophia Urbanowicz, for help. By August, Danier (the "leather" has been dropped from its name) had a new lease on life, three in fact — at Oshawa Shopping Centre, Mapleview in Burlington and Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket.

By the end of September, the first store had opened, looking more like a light and airy Kit and Ace than its overstuffed predecessor.

New categories, such as wool outwear, sweaters and footwear have been introduced — as Koel reasons, you don't layer leather with leather — and the offerings paired down.

DeFrietas says he used to design 60 to 80 pieces per season during the decade he spent at the brand. After taking his severance, walking the streets of Toronto felt like a retrospective of his time at the house.

Now, they've scaled down to only eight or nine men's leather jackets for fall.

"We were leather for everybody, it didn't matter which part of the country," echoed Urbanowicz, who is also happy to see the house focus its collection.

Koel says she will meet with Danier's landlords early in 2017 to see where they can grow next, but not too quickly.

Nichole Jankowski is a journalist who's worked across Canada on the front lines of the luxury retail industry. She writes weekly about the Toronto marketplace for Metro.

The new Danier at the Oshawa Centre, which opened late September in the mall's new wing, is one of several popping up after the brand's rebirth. Part of the new vision involves focusing the collection and not trying to be a brand built for everyone. NICHOLE JANKOWSKI/FOR METRO

MUSIC

Canadian artists singing a sour tune after U.S. increases visa fees

Members of Toronto/Hamilton band Pet Sun worry about how they will afford to tour the U.S. now that fees for visas have gone up. COURTESY KEENAN LYNCH

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

A new hike in visa fees for bands headed south of the border has Toronto musicians seeing red.

U.S.-bound performers must apply for a visa with Citizenship and Immigration Services. The fee for the form to do that will jump to $460 from $325 per person, starting Dec. 3.

Sam Rashid, guitarist with the Toronto/Hamilton band Pet Sun, said the move could prove "financially devastating."

"It's already expensive enough as it is to tour the U.S.," he said, adding most musicians feel like they have to perform there to "break in and make a living."

"Our market's only so big here," he said.

Rosina Kazi, a member of the Toronto Electronic duo lal, said the increased fees are "definitely a concern" for smaller acts.

She and bandmate Nicholas Murray are beginning to tour more and were planning on heading south at the end of summer.

Michael Murray, executive director of the Toronto Musicians' Association, said the fees, along with already long wait times for visas have left "a lot of frustration."

His group is part of the American Federation of Musicians, which is lobbying U.S. lawmakers to cut the fees and red tape involved for touring Canadian acts.

Carolyn Gwathmey, a spokeswoman with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, said all non-immigrant workers, not just performers, must fill out the form for which the fees have increased. That means added costs for any roadies, drivers and others making the trip.

A statement on the department's website said it's almost entirely funded by fees paid by immigration applicants, and it's the first time in six years the fees have gone up.

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Lipsticks, down to a science

The Bite Beauty Lip Lab (678 Queen Street West) makes custom organic lipsticks. Canadian entrepreneur Susanne Langmuir started Bite in 2011. A lip lab was first opened in New York City, and was brought to Toronto this September.

Inside the Toronto flagship lab, a group of lipstick artisans made small batches in the back. A group of women waited for their appointments, while one fashionista had a set of four personalized lipsticks ready to wear. Bite will be serving wine in the future, but they were not at the time —much to the chagrin of Metro's **Vicky Mochama,** who visited the lip lab to see how it all works.

Susanne Langmuir, a Canadian entrepreneur, started custom lipstick company Bite in 2011. The company was then bought by Kendo, a global beauty firm owned by LVMH, which owns Louis Vuitton and other luxury brands. ALL PHOTOS LANCE MCMILLAN/FOR METRO

1 The consult

I chatted with a consultant about lipstick goals and ambitions.

2 The mix

We picked a couple colours — a red and a purple — to start which he mixed with a few other until we found the right combo.

3 The test

I applied each sample to my lips with a tiny brush, which made me feel like a painter.

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Harrison heads to UN climate summit

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Youth group to remind Canada of promises

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When delegates at the UN global climate summit convene next week in Marrakech, Morocco, a young Toronto voice will be there to challenge them.

University of Toronto engineering student Sam Harrison is among a select group of Canadian youth heading to the COP22 on behalf of the Canadian Youth on Climate Coalition.

Their mission: To hold politicians to task for promises Harrison says are often made but rarely followed through.

"We're the ones who are going to bear the most dire impacts of their decisions," he said, adding future generations and the majority of people in the developing world don't have a formal say in political systems. "They need to listen to us."

The Marrakech conference follows last year's forum in Paris, where world leaders committed to significantly reducing CO2 emissions and limiting the effects of global warming.

As one of the top 10 carbon emitters, Canada joined the chorus by pledging to set a target of reducing emissions by at least 30 per cent by 2030.

"They'll say that and at the same time plan to build transnational pipelines that will last 60 years. We can't do both," Harrison said, stressing his point about what he considers false promises.

He and other youth want Canada to commit to building stronger framework for mitigating climate change and to work with indigenous communities — who've been taking care of the land for thousands of years — and other environmental activists in the process.

University of Toronto third-year engineering student Sam Harrison is headed to Morocco for this year's UN global climate summit, where he and others are looking to bring young voices to the forefront. COURTESY MARIT MITCHELL/UOFT

A native of British Columbia, Harrison picked up an interest in climate change at an early age, working with Kids for Climate Action to organize protests and bike rides in a bid to reach politicians.

"As I learned more about it in science, it becomes terrifying," he said. "The current situation is not reflective of a future we want to live in."

FRANCHINO TRIAL

Man found guilty of drugging

A two-litre bottle of rose wine spiked with what a toxicologist described as a lethal amount of GHB was found by police in the complainant's kitchen.

She claimed her trusted friend gave her a glass of the drugged wine and she passed out. She said she woke up to find him in bed next to her masturbating and putting his hand into her underwear.

Her friend, Duilio "Nick" Franchino, 29, denied sexually assaulting her or drugging her — claiming to have no idea how the GHB, often used as a date rape drug, got into the wine.

After a trial earlier this year a jury acquitted Franchino of sexual assault and administering a drug with intent to sexually assault the complainant — but found him guilty of one count of administering a noxious substance.

The unexpected jury verdicts appear to mean that they found Franchino drugged the complainant — but didn't sexually assault her, Justice John McMahon said at a sentencing hearing Friday.

It is now up to him to determine what Franchino's intent was in drugging the complainant.

Crown prosecutor Danielle Carbonneau argues Franchino intended to endanger the complainant's life or cause her bodily harm, given the significant amount of GHB found in the wine and the impact it had on the complainant.

"She was vomiting, it affected her vision, she felt sick the next day," said Carbonneau. "She had reduced mobility, she described her arm feeling like a noodle when trying to strum the guitar."

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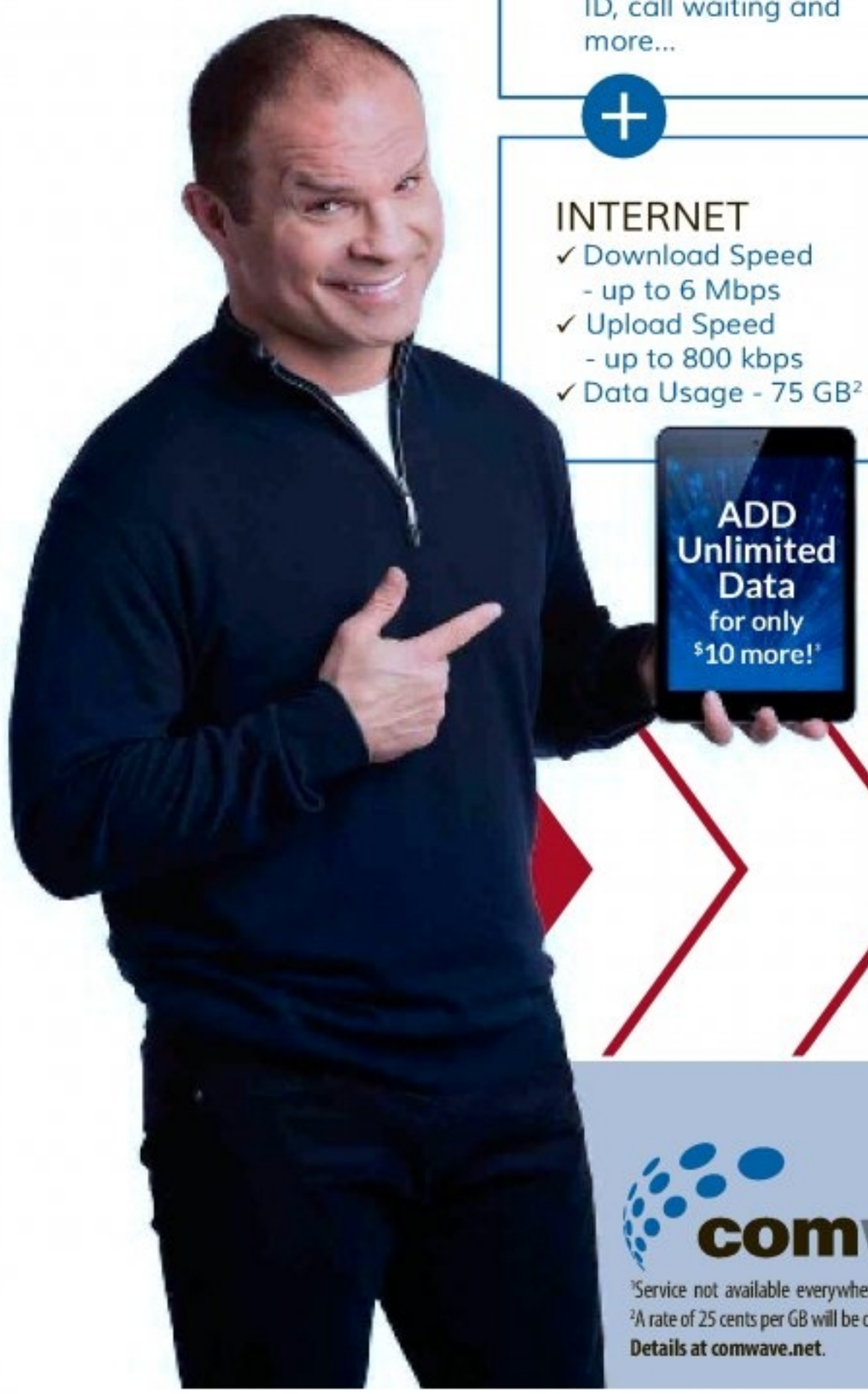

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Armed police shut down Airbnb party

CRIME

Shots fired, guns seized at short-term rental event

The owners of 113 Merrill Ave. rented their new reno on Airbnb that turned into a raging party. It ended with a gunshot and rifle-pointing ETF officers converging on the quiet street. Officers arrested seven, seized handguns and drugs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The raucous house party on Merrill Ave. E. ended with a gunshot blast and the arrival of Toronto police, including tactical officers who trained their rifles on the two-storey, detached house.

Residents on the normally quiet street were stunned as more than two dozen partygoers spilled out the front door, where an armoured police vehicle had rolled up. "It was chaotic, it was scary, it was difficult to understand what was happening," recalled a neighbour, who asked not to be identified.

Officers using loud-hailers tried to control the crowd and ordered the owners outside. But the young, professional couple wasn't home that mid-September evening. They had rented their three-bedroom home on Airbnb, the popular, short-term rental website that purports to connect "people to unique travel experiences."

Police that night arrested and laid numerous charges against six young men and a teenage girl after seizing three loaded handguns, a pellet gun and crack cocaine. All were from Toronto.

"There have been over 100 million guest arrivals in Airbnb listings and problems for hosts are incredibly rare, but when they happen, we try to help make things right," Airbnb's Nick Shapiro wrote in email.

"We have no tolerance for this type of behaviour and we immediately banned this guest from the platform." Airbnb is cooperating with the police, he added. Critics say the incident is a cautionary tale that highlights the urgent need for regulations, something the City of Toronto is currently studying.

> **We have no tolerance for this type of behaviour and we immediately banned this guest from the platform.**
> Airbnb spokesperson

According to property records, Madison Dalzell and Jarred Hoo bought the Merrill Ave. house last January. The house then underwent extensive renovations. Hoo confirmed Wednesday his home was listed on Airbnb but declined to comment further.

He also wouldn't comment on whether Airbnb is honouring their "Host Guarantee" policy, which provides protection for up to $1 million to a host "for damages to covered property in the rare event of guest damages above the security deposit or if no security deposit is in place." The partygoers left behind serious drywall damage, kicked-in doors and trashed furniture. This week, a contractor was working on the building's exterior. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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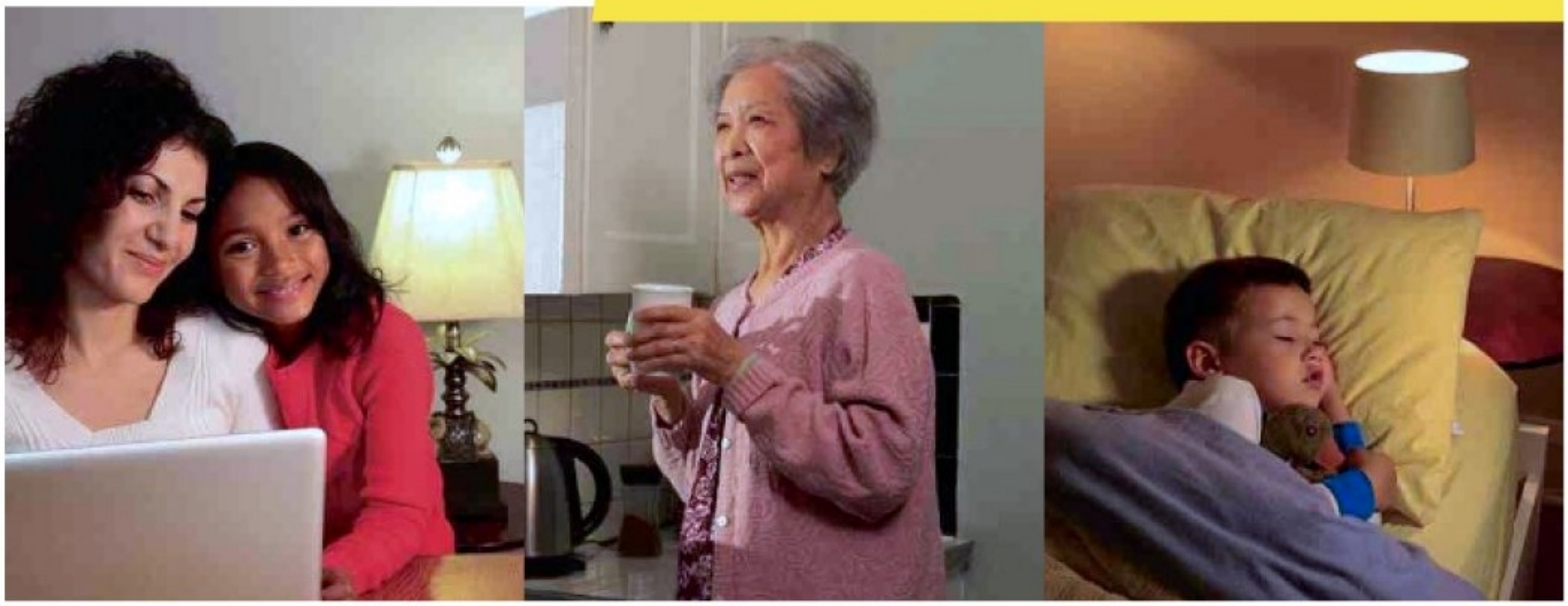

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The real-life impact of that really boring bank-rate news

One of Canada's biggest banks, TD Canada Trust, is hiking its prime rate for variable-rate mortgages 0.15 points to 2.85 per cent from 2.7. Your eyes may have just glazed over, but this is actually kind of a big deal and may hit your pocketbook. MAY WARREN/METRO, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wait, I have that kind of mortgage with TD:

If your monthly mortgage payment stays the same, these changes mean more of the payment will go towards paying interest, instead of paying down the principle, meaning it will take you longer to pay off your mortgage, according to TD.

"Mechanically you're not paying more, but you're getting less from the payments that you make," said William Strange, a professor of business economics at U of T's Rotman School of Management.

What if I have a mortgage not with TD?

A bank as big as TD changing its rate could mean other major Canadian banks follow suit soon, Laird said. In his eight years in the industry, Laird said he's never seen major lenders have their prime rates different for more than a couple of days.

What about my line of credit and visa bill?

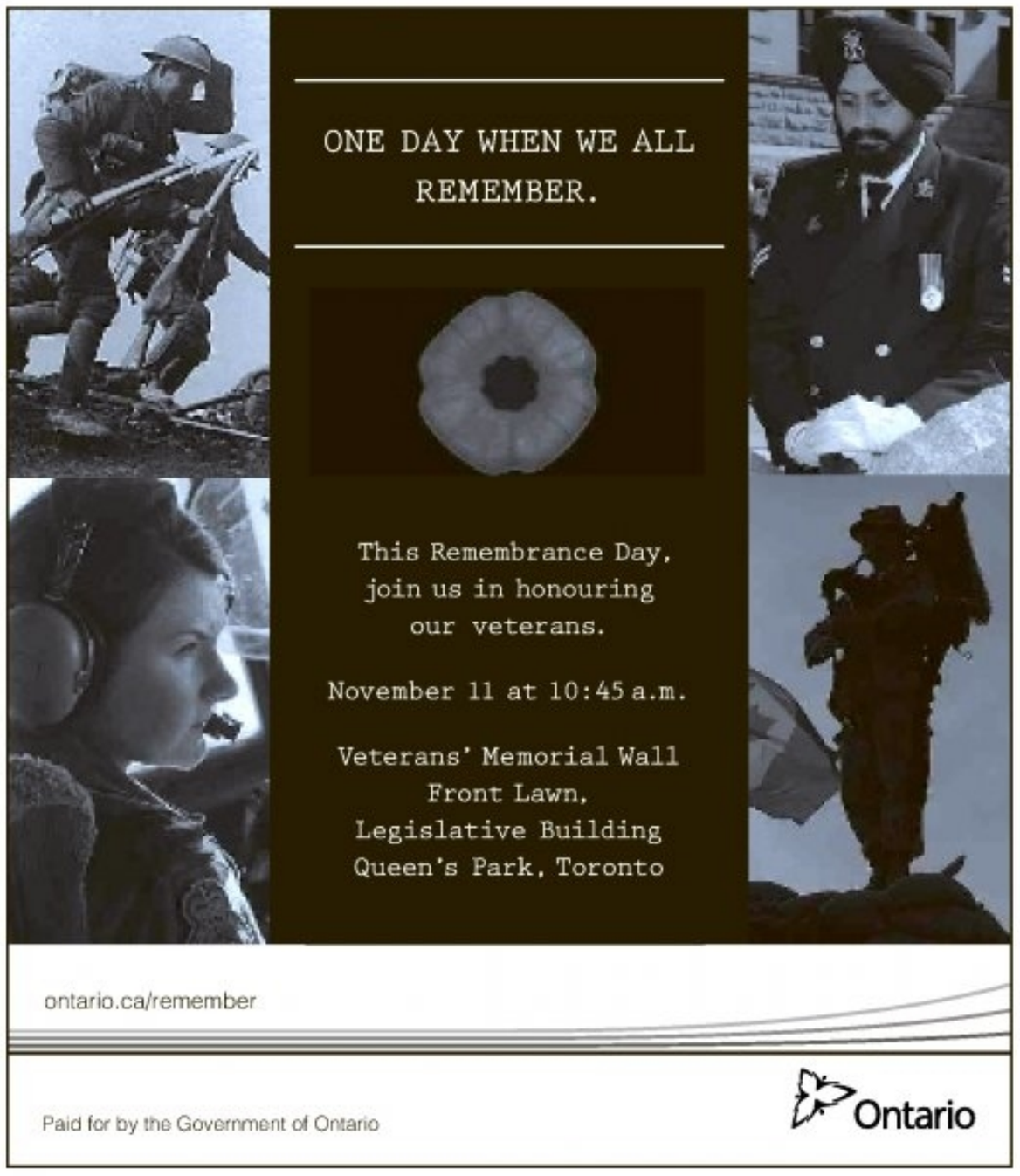
The changes do not affect interest rates for lines of credit or credit cards.

But I got the fixed rate:

Your interest rate is the same. But James Laird, president of mortgage company CanWise Financial and co-founder of rate-watching website RateHub.ca said he'll be watching it closely to see if it goes up in the near future.

What's the broader impact?

When mortgages rates go up, "usually the story" is that it depresses housing demand because it's harder for people to get financing and bid quite as much for houses, said Strange, the U of T professor. "But this is unusual in the sense they've been really low for a really long time, basically since the big bust in the US and elsewhere in 2007 or so."



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Mississauga condemns Mayor Tory

TRANSIT

Suburban city expected to help fund LRT extension

Mayor John Tory and senior city staff are being condemned in Mississauga after Toronto made public a $470-million LRT funding expectation of the local airport authority and Mississauga — without telling officials in the neighbouring city.

"Mr. Tory, we're not going to pay for your wall," Councillor Jim Tovey bellowed during a committee meeting Wednesday, comparing the Toronto mayor to Donald Trump, who expects Mexico to pay for a border wall it doesn't even want.

Tovey joined a chorus of staff and council voices expressing outrage that Toronto would publicly reveal plans to get Mississauga to pay for part of Tory's Smart Track plan, without even asking if the city supports the idea.

"There has been no request of us," said Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie. After the meeting, Crombie, Tovey and Mississauga city manager Janice Baker voiced their incredulity over the note in a public report from Toronto's city manager this week that assumes Mississauga and the Greater Toronto Airports Authority will fund $470 million toward the extension of the Eglinton West LRT into Mississauga and Pearson airport. The report assumes a $1.18-billion contribution from Toronto, and a $822.9-million contribution from the federal government toward the $2.47-billion cost of the Eglinton West LRT extension. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie voiced incredulity over Toronto's expectation that its neighbour help pay for an LRT extension. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

DISCRIMINATION

Police mistreat homeless: Survey

A call for more compassion and understanding from police is among the recommendations gathered in a recent survey of drop-in users designed by the member advocacy committee at St. Stephen's Community House, which works with homeless and marginally-housed people in Toronto's downtown core.

Committee members, who surveyed 47 homeless and marginally housed people between June and October about their treatment by police, plan to present their findings at the final public meeting of the Toronto Police Transformational Task Force on Saturday afternoon at city hall.

"The Toronto police say they want to change the way they engage with people," committee member Toby Nicol said. "They could start by treating us better. Somebody who is supposed to be protecting my city calls me a crazy person, a drunk, a drama queen, uses homophobic and racial language. It brings us down."

Several survey respondents who had been arrested said police called them "drunken Indian" or "drunk-ass native."

The task force, co-chaired by Chief Mark Saunders and Toronto Police Services Board chair Andy Pringle, released an interim report last June with 24 recommendations to modernize policing in the city. The task force is expected to release its final report by the end of the year.

About 90 per cent of drop-in users in the survey said they had been arrested for minor infractions, often more than once.

At least 60 per cent said they had been "carded" by police, a practice that involves stopping, questioning and documenting people not suspected of a crime. Research shows carding disproportionately targets young, black men. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Derek George of St. Stephen's. STEVE RUSSELL/ TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Volunteers patrol land, river

DOCUMENTARY

Project follows people who search for the disappeared

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

Drag the Red volunteers scour the Red River for evidence of missing and murdered people. @MARKREIMER/INSTAGRAM

An Instagram storytelling project is finding beauty among the tragic stories of Winnipeg search and rescue efforts.

As a companion to a new National Film Board-sponsored documentary called This River, producers Katherena Vermette and Alicia Smith set out to tell the stories of those who comb Winnipeg's nooks and crannies, looking vigilantly for missing loved ones. Members of the Bear Clan Patrol, who search by foot, and Drag the Red, who search along the rivers, are featured in a series of more than 80 photos and interviews, rolled out over two months on the Instagram page @WhatBringsUsHere.

"We really worked to take people inside kind of the very human experience of what it's like to have a missing family member and then the work that's born out of that — that sort of intense motivation for the need to just do something," said Smith, a Winnipeg-based National Film Board producer.

The photos, shot by Winnipeg's Janine Kropla, Mark Reimer and Karen Asher, alternate between depicting searchers in action and posing for portraits, paired with captions describing why they're motivated to keep looking for answers.

Kyle Kematch, one of the lead organizers of Drag the Red, is featured in the documentary and Instagram series. He admits he doesn't like sharing his personal story about his missing sister Amber Guiboche repeatedly — Guiboche went missing in November 2010 — but he's willing to do whatever it takes to keep her name top of mind.

"I don't like talking to the media or anything like that. I do it for Amber. We have to get her name out there and that's all I really can do," Kematch said.

A screening of This River is happening Saturday at 4 p.m. at Cinematheque.

Drag the Red cofounder Kyle Kematch pulls up a cloth from the Red River. @MARKREIMER/INSTAGRAM

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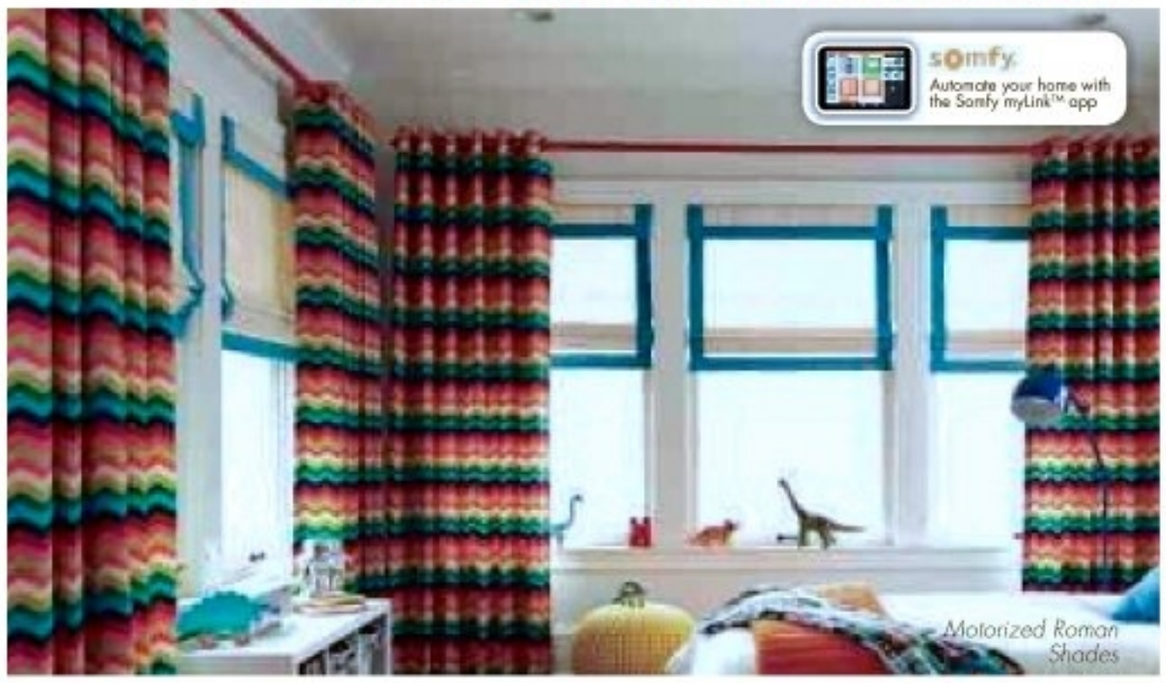

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Police catch up to pet pig on the run

NOVA SCOTIA

Kevin Bacon has returned after straying from home

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Kevin Bacon, the pig, on the loose in Dartmouth this week. HANDOUT/HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE.

Maybe he just wanted to dance.

On Tuesday, Halifax Regional Police officers helped Kevin Bacon, a potbellied pig, find his way back to his owner in Dartmouth after he got a little footloose and strayed from home.

According to a social media post, two officers were called to Russell Street, where they found and returned Mr. Bacon safely to his owner who lived in the area.

"He was not in any danger because he abided by the rules of the road and stayed on the sidewalk," police spokeswoman Const. Dianne Woodworth said Wednesday.

Woodworth added Mr. Bacon wasn't running for his life away from a farm as "he's a domestic pig, and he's okay with that."

The responding officers didn't have a hard time rounding him up either, Woodworth said, as "he's obviously a very friendly pig."

"He was just out checking out things. He didn't think he was doing anything wrong, which he wasn't. He just wasn't attended by anybody," Woodworth said.

In her career Woodworth said she's seen police being called for deer and even a moose, but never a runaway pig.

"It's a pleasant first," she said.

REFUGEES

Groups in dark over Yazidi resettlement

More than a week after Ottawa announced it would bring in Yazidi refugees within four months, the community and its supporters are still waiting for details of Canada's resettlement plan.

"After a long period of silence, we were happy to see the Canadian government taking action. But they are keeping us in the dark," said Majed El Shafie, founder of Toronto's One Free World International, which has 300 aid workers in Iraq and Syria assisting Yazidi refugees.

> **This is Canada's chance to redeem our long negligence.**
> Majed El Shafie

"The government needs to be open and honest about how many they are bringing in, what the process is (for) choosing the refugees and how they are going to resettle them in Canada."

El Shafie, who came to Canada as a refugee from Egypt in 2002, was among 11 community groups and leaders who held a news conference Wednesday calling on the government to provide concrete targets and a timeline of its plan.

"I hope our Canadian government does not make the same mistakes where the real victims are ignored and others benefit instead due to political interests," said Mirza Ismail, founder and chairman of Yezidi Human Rights International.

The Yazidis are a religious minority from northern Iraq and have been targeted by Daesh militants with rape, torture and murder. There are tens of thousands of Yazidis displaced as a result of persecution in Iraq and Syria.

El Shafie said the coalition is happy to work with officials in screening and preparing the application referrals with help from their aid workers on the ground.

"This is Canada's chance to redeem our long negligence," said El Shafie.

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U.S. Muslims cringing at portrayal

★U.S. ELECTION★

Many feel like they're being pigeonholed by both candidates

Many Muslim Americans cringe at the way they have been portrayed by candidates during the presidential campaign — either as potential terrorists or helping counterterrorism efforts.

Those descriptions, offered by Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, respectively, are troubling to Muslims who complain they are being pigeonholed and their concerns on other issues ignored.

"I think that there is some level of dismissiveness about Arab-Americans and American Muslims that allows candidates to talk about us, not really to us," said Omar Baddar, a political analyst based in Washington.

One of the campaign's more memorable moments for Muslim Americans unfolded at the Democratic National Convention in July, when a grieving Khizr Khan addressed delegates about his son, Humayun, an American soldier who was killed in Iraq. The GOP candidate soon pushed back against Khan's anti-Trump comments.

But Hillary Clinton did not escape censure from Muslim Americans, who said that the Democratic nominee's public remarks have primarily revolved around recognizing them for what they could do to support counterterrorism efforts.

Nour Eidy, a freshman at the University of Michigan, grew up in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn, which is heavily Arab and Muslim: "I don't know anything about terrorism. I don't know their game plans, their strategies," she said. "We're just as victimized by them as anybody else." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An unaccompanied migrant minor, from the demolished "Jungle" migrant camp in Calais, France, waves from a bus as he waits to be transferred to reception centres. Since Oct. 17, Britain has taken in slightly more than 300 Calais migrants, but France is pressing for more. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

FRANCE

1,600 migrants moved out of Calais

French authorities bused all unaccompanied children — 1,616 of them — out of Calais' sprawling migrant slum on Wednesday, taking them to special processing centres in one of the final steps to empty the camp in the English Channel city.

The underage migrants climbed into to 38 buses in a day-long operation that began just under a week after adult migrants were cleared out of the camp known as "the jungle" and sent to refugee centres around France.

In the government's final move, women and their children — slightly more than 300 people — in the Calais camp were to be transported to family centres on Thursday.

"Then there will be no one at the end of the day," said Steve Barbet, spokesman for the Pas-de-Calais region.

Last week's operation to evacuate and demolish the makeshift camp — whose population soared to more than 10,000 two months ago, aid groups said — was a mammoth logistical task rushed to completion after fires engulfed large swaths of the slum. Clean-up crews finished pulling down shelters Tuesday.

The child migrants were taken to 60 dedicated centres scattered around France until British officials decide their cases. Those refused access to Britain will be put under the care of French child welfare services. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NICARAGUA

President's wife behind popularity

On bright-pink billboards across the Nicaraguan capital, President Daniel Ortega looms triumphantly over motorists ahead of next Sunday's vote, where he's considered a shoo-in.

He's almost never alone in those ads: Accompanying Ortega is the smiling visage of his first lady, spokeswoman and now running mate, Rosario Murillo.

"That woman is the one who rules in the country," said fruit vendor Roberto Mayorga. "If 'the man' dies, she'll be there."

Murillo is beloved by many poor Nicaraguans and Sandinista faithful, consistently polling around 70 per cent approval.

Murillo has represented Ortega overseas and spearheaded the installation of giant metal "trees of life" sculptures in the capital, a beautification campaign opponents have criticized but which many residents appreciate.

"She's become really the public face of the administration, and I think that's helped her popularity immensely," said Christine Wade, a political scientist at Washington College in Maryland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Green cups brew up online outrage

STARBUCKS

Critics say it's not festive or is politicizing simple coffee

Irene Kuan
Metro | Toronto

It's that time again, when Starbucks brings back its traditional holiday drinks. This year, the company released a limited-edition green cup, not meant to be a Christmas cup but a "community cup" which seems to have offended some people.

In a press release, Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz calls it "a divisive time in our country" and says the coffee giant wanted to come up with a symbol to serve "as a reminder of our shared values."

The green cup seems to have sparked some negative reactions on social media. Some people were simply upset the cup wasn't red or festive feeling enough, while others accused the company of politicizing coffee.

This is not the first time the Starbucks has been embroiled in a cup controversy. The redesign of its red cups in 2015, which omitted all "symbols of the season," had some calling out the company for "waging a war on Christmas."

Starbucks released the cup just one week before the U.S. election, and says it is meant to be a "symbol of unity."

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VICKY MOCHAMA ON AN OVERLOOKED ELECTION BATTLE

There's a big ideological divide that has yet to be talked about: Scorpio vs. Gemini. With some voters undecided, why not consult the stars?

Great forces are battling each other this election season: Republican against Democrat, billionaire against millionaire, Darth Vader vs. Princess Leia.

Polls give Clinton a comfortable lead but the race may yet tighten. As Americans make their big decision, there's a big ideological divide that has yet to be talked about: Scorpio vs. Gemini.

A lot has been said about the clash of these titans but until now, this essential difference has been missed. With some voters still undecided, why not consult the stars? For some, politics is like the Superbowl: It's a thing that happens on one day and you don't have to pick a team until then.

According to the New York Times (a Virgo), Trump is status-obsessed, scattered and volatile. In other words, he's a classic Gemini.

Game recognize game. I know a fellow Gemini when I see one.

Trump was born in the middle of the Gemini star sign on June 14, 1946.

ANI CASTILLO/FOR METRO

If Clinton wins, it will be a historic moment: Not only would she be the first female president, but a Scorpio hasn't had their claws in the Oval Office since Warren G. Harding nearly a hundred years ago.

Geminis have many excellent traits: We are energetic, imaginative, clever, and witty. For example, remember when Donald Trump joked Megyn Kelly had "blood coming out of her wherever" after she moderated one of last year's 70,000 Republican debates? Remember how deeply you laughed at his cleverness and wit? We Geminis are often very humorous.

Still, Geminis like Trump and I are not without faults. We're often impulsive. I recently booked a tropical vacation because I was tired and it seemed like a good idea, I guess. Similarly, Donald Trump seems to have decided to run for president because a reporter from BuzzFeed goaded him into it. We both had good ideas.

With her resourcefulness, secretiveness and giant pincer claws, Clinton is a true Scorpio. The Llewellyn Encyclopedia, a compendium of all things New Age, says the biggest problem for Scorpios is their "ability to cause trouble." Secretary Clinton must regret ever learning to press "send" on an email. It's been downhill ever since.

Clinton has explained her cautious public persona is a result of being a woman breaking down the walls of a man's world. But a quick glance at the night sky shows that actually, Scorpios are secretive and reserved, which is definitely more plausible. If Clinton wins, it will be a historic moment: Not only would she be the first female president, but a Scorpio hasn't had their claws in the Oval Office since Warren G. Harding nearly a hundred years ago.

The skies have always played an important role in presidential elections, despite what the experts, statistics and plain common sense might say.

After all, the zodiac sign to win the most elections is pleasant, humanitarian Aquarius, which includes Abraham Lincoln. And he kept the country together.

It's all in the stars.

What the horoscopes have in store for Nov. 8

When it feels as if nothing makes sense anymore — U.S. politics anyone? — many people look to the divine and the celestial for guidance. Metro asked astrologist Julie Simmons to read her star chart and tell us what the stars, sun and planets predict about what kind of day Hillary Clinton (a Scorpio) and Donald Trump (a Gemini) will have on Tuesday — Election Day. We're also printing an advance peek at our own Tuesday horoscopes by Francis Drake. Take from them what you will.

Julie Simmons (juliesimmons.ca)

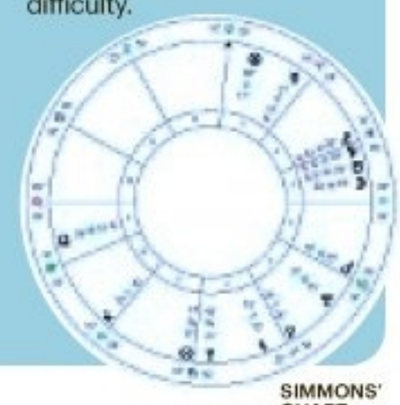
CLINTON HOROSCOPE

Hillary is very Scorpio. She has what astrologers called fixed energy. She digs in, she's hard to overthrow, she's resolute. But she's very, very power-oriented. Coming up in December-January, Saturn will be squaring Hillary's moon. That means she's depleted and tired. It's not the aspect of a win. Now, she's no slouch. She's got a very powerful chart. A Scorpio is always good at reconstruction. Interestingly, neither of them has any earth in their chart. Earth is the element of being practical and down-to-earth.

BOTTOM LINE: It's hard, astrologically, to look at this election, because my personal wish is stronger than usual. Trump really scares me. However, if I just look at the astrological chart, Trump looks more like a winner.

TRUMP HOROSCOPE

He's a Gemini. He's a trickster. He doesn't seem to mean anything he says. Jupiter is the planet of luck. And when Trump was born he had Jupiter shining his sun. That's a good position. It means he projects himself and gets people to listen, even though he's speaking out of both sides of his mouth. He has charisma. He gets away with it. And Jupiter up in the sky (now) is in that place, where Trump gets away with it. But if he wins, he will go through a tremendous amount of difficulty.



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INTERVIEW

Singer opens up about anxiety, eating disorder, 1D juggernaut

If he wasn’t a singer, he would have gone to college to study English or worked as a songwriter and producer for other artists, writes Zayn Malik in his self-titled autobiography. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Since he left One Direction, Zayn Malik has been public with his battle with anxiety. But the singer also says he was struggling with even more behind-the-scenes — a possible eating disorder.

Malik made the revelation in his new autobiography Zayn, out Tuesday via Penguin Random House, and also discussed it in an interview with The Associated Press.

“When I look back at the images of myself from around November 2014, before the final tour, I can see how ill I was,” the 23-year-old writes in the book, calling it an “eating disorder.”

In an interview Friday, Malik explained that he was so busy on the road, he would forget to eat.

“I realized that I wasn’t eating as much ... our schedule was kind of crazy so we were all over the place,” he said.

“It was just more down to losing track of, you know, actually eating and being super busy and getting caught up with other things that 17 or 18-year-olds do, which normally entails them going out, drinking or partying, so it was a mixture of everything,” he said.

However, looking back on it now, he now downplays the seriousness of it all: “I don’t think I ever had an eating disorder. I was never diagnosed with one of them.” Explaining that he would miss meals while in 1D, he now is better managing his eating: “I’m a bit older and a bit more wiser.”

In the book, his prologue is dedicated to 1D and the phenomenal success the group achieved in a short time — selling out stadiums, winning countless awards, releasing back-to-back hits and platinum-plus albums.

“I’m massively grateful for the opportunity to be in that group,” he said of the pop group, formed in 2010 on The X Factor in the United Kingdom. “It was a wicked part of my life.”

Still, he bolted from the group because he felt lost and needed time to collect his thoughts. He yearned to sing songs in a different style and write his own lyrics.

“What you’ve got to understand is that none of us really had much say in the music,” he writes.

When asked if he’s still friends with his former band mates, he told the AP: “Yeah we’re talking — some of us are.”

Has he heard Niall Horan’s solo single? “I have, yes,” he said. “Yeah, it’s cool.”

Malik’s solo album, Mind of Mine, bowed earlier this year and veered into more R&B territory. It debuted at No. 1, but Malik wasn’t prepared for solo stardom, even cancelling performances because he said he was too anxious. In June, he bowed out of his performance at the Capital Summertime Ball in London at the Wembley Arena, where he previously performed with 1D.

“I felt sick. I couldn’t breathe,” he writes about the morning of the show. “The idea totally freaked me out and I was paralyzed with anxiety.”

Malik said he now is able to cope with it, though he declined to offer specifics to the AP.

“I don’t really disclose that information, like publicly, what I do to manage certain things, but I do the things that are required,” he said.

While he details some of his difficulties in the book, don’t expect a juicy tell-all: he rarely mentions former fiancé, Little Mix member Perrie Edwards, and doesn’t talk about current girlfriend Gigi Hadid.

Still, there are some insights for Malik fans: He writes that if he wasn’t a singer, he would have probably gone to college to study English or worked as a songwriter and producer for other artists.

As he reflected on his time in 1D and leaving the group, then releasing his own album and No. 1 hit, Pillowtalk, Malik said he’s happy.

“I’m great actually at the moment,” he said from a studio in Los Angeles, where he’s recording his second solo album. “The anxiety obviously came from just the performance aspect of things, just not really understanding what that was going to be like as a solo performer.”

He also felt that being in 1D was a juggernaut he couldn’t quite handle. “That machine was already going, it was at 100 miles per hour and it was harder to get off that machine,” he said. “I’m controlling this one.”

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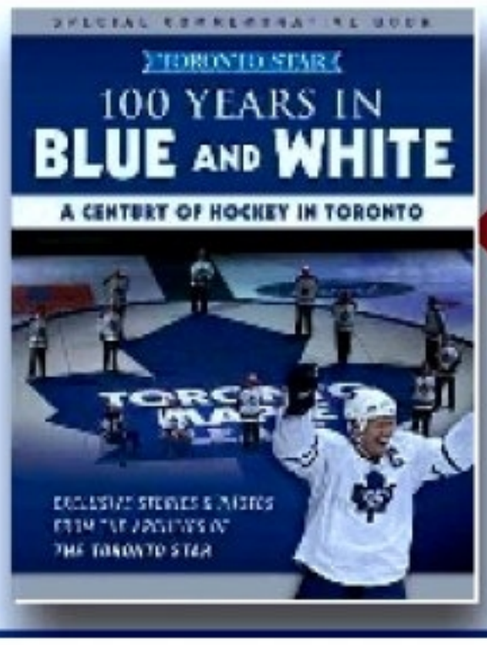

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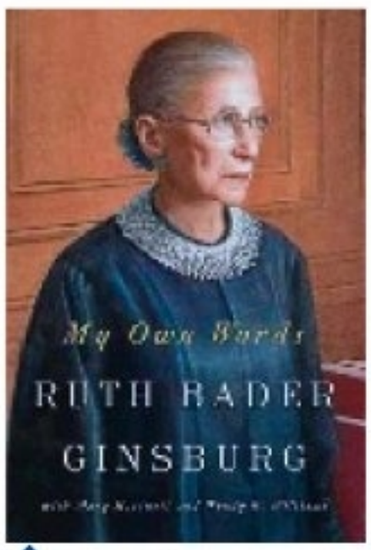
5 READS ABOUT THE LIVES OF MODERN WOMEN

These new books consider questions of gender and women's role in society today, including essays, a memoir and a historical novel. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

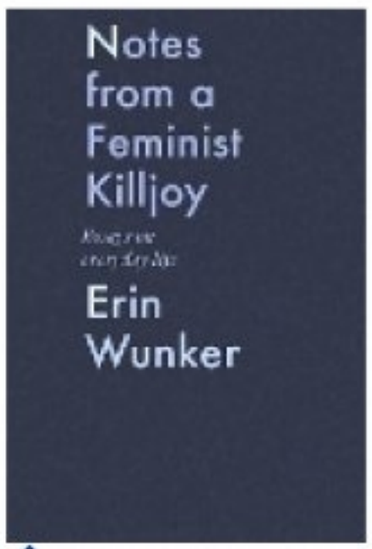
1 History

Therese Oneill, an Oregon journalist who specializes in "rare-history," begins our tour of the fetid conditions under which Victorian women suffered by cautioning that, "Most of the things you love about the 19th century aren't real, child. They're the curations of gracious hosts who tidy up the era whenever you visit through art, books, or film." Yes, we all know that a woman's lot in earlier times was a difficult one — but with Oneill as our guide in Unmentionable: The Victorian Lady's Guide to Sex, Marriage, and Manners we get an unvarnished glimpse of its deep nastiness.



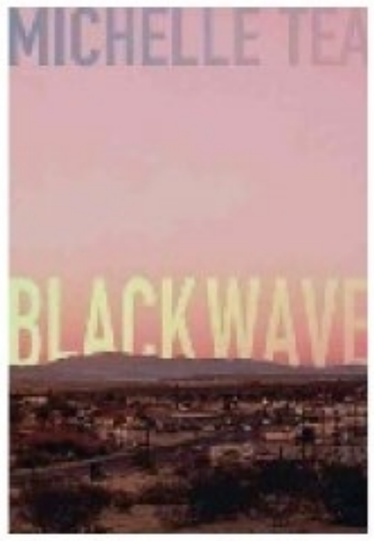
2 Justice

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has spent more than half a century as an advocate for women's equality. This collection of her writing spans that luminous career, beginning with a Grade 8 editorial in 1946 praising the charter of the United Nations, and covering a variety of issues and interests with wisdom and clarity. Rest assured, this is no dusty old collection of judicial pontificating. Mary Hartnett and Wendy W. Williams, who edited My Own Words, are collaborating on the authorized biography of Ginsburg.



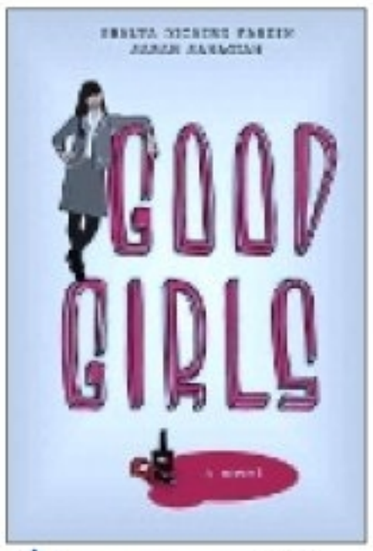
3 Feminism

Erin Wunker's first book is a useful navigational tool even for those steeped in the precepts of women's studies. Her Notes from a Feminist Killjoy represents a smorgasbord of reflection: at one point, she defends her "bitchy resting face"; at another, she offers a checklist to discover whether the reader is indeed a feminist. "Feminist killjoy," incidentally, is a term used by the scholar Sara Ahmed, which Wunker defines as "that irreverent figure who lights a match and joyfully flicks it into the dry hull of patriarchal culture."



4 Life writing

Michelle Tea begins her latest entry into "life writing", Blackwave, in San Francisco's Mission district. The year is 1999, and our central character, Michelle, too often strung out on drugs, drink and a life that is annoying even her, decides to head to Los Angeles to write a screenplay. Tea's voice is smart and cocky, and if you're looking for an immersive "queer feminist" take on the world this may be it. Tea's latest dip into autobiographical fiction is published by the Feminist Press at the City University of New York.



5 Young adult

Good Girls by Shalta Dicaire Fardin and Sarah Sahagian is the first novel in Toronto-based Inanna Publications' young feminist series. At the centre of the story are Allie, a high-achieving goody two shoes, and Octavia, a wealthy wild child from Montreal. These two opposites end up as debate-team partners at the elite Anne Bradstreet College in Boston. Together, the girls learn important lessons about living a balanced life. Both authors have been involved in gender studies, at Queen's and York, respectively.

MEMOIR

Dallaire's memoir reveals horrors of enduring PTSD

The nights are the worst. The darkness. The silence. The ghostly images of the dead and dying that refuse to be laid to rest.

More than two decades after former lieutenant-general Romeo Dallaire returned to Canada from Rwanda, where he and the small peacekeeping contingent he commanded were forced to stand by as helpless witnesses to a genocide that ended with the slaughter of hundreds of thousands, he is still struggling to overcome the demon that is post-traumatic stress disorder.

In his new book, Waiting for First Light, Dallaire describes what it means to live with PTSD, a psychological injury as old as war itself, but one only recently recognized as an all-too-common hazard for soldiers, first responders and victims of physical or sexual abuse.

It is a wound the retired senator wants Canadians to more fully understand through his memoir, which he also hopes will offer solace and support to others wrestling with the condition.

PTSD occurs as a result of experiencing intense trauma that overwhelms the psyche.

The condition is marked by recurrent memories of the event, flashbacks, nightmares and severe emotional distress or physical reactions to triggers that remind the person of the trauma. Those affected can feel hopelessness and despair, exhibit turbulent mood swings, and engage in self-destructive behaviours like drinking to excess or driving too fast.

"You live with a constant sense of vulnerability because you never know when a conversation, a smell, a noise, a bad day, how it can generate a mood that will be quite depressive, and as such will lead you into some reliving (of the trauma)," Dallaire, 70, said in an interview during a recent trip to Toronto.

"And you can be just as affected now as you were after the event."

That vulnerability is especially acute at night, he explained, when his mind is tortured by vivid memories of rape, mutilation and murder that come unbidden in the darkness; when nightmares of the atrocities of the 1994 genocide and his inability under his UN mandate to stop the bloodbath make falling asleep a thing to fear.

Romeo Dallaire has released his memoir. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"That's why many of us sleep with the light on and the TV blaring, if we can ever get to sleep," he said of his fellow PTSD sufferers. "That's why so many suicides are done at night."

In the book, Dallaire describes how with the coming of morning's light, he is once again able to face the day, fending off the black dogs of depression and despair by submerging himself in work.

He also concedes how hard his PTSD has been on his wife and three children, who have had to contend with a very different husband and father from the take-charge career soldier who left in 1993 for the mission in Rwanda.

"You're not predictable, you're up and down, so they don't know from one minute to the other whether you're going to be mad or you're going to laugh," he said.

"You do everything to avoid people. You try to hide it. And the best way to hide it is to hide," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Questioning 'the right to write about racism'

FICTION

Jodi Picoult stands behind pushing more racial dialogue

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

If there's one word to describe author Jodi Picoult, it's fierce.

The bestselling author of 23 books has never been one to shy away from hot-button topics such as sexual abuse, school shootings and assisted suicide.

But there was one issue that eluded Picoult for 25 years. How do you talk about racism in a world seemingly just waking up to the fact that privilege and opportunity are connected to skin colour? And whose story is it to tell? That's the challenge behind Picoult's new novel, Small Great Things.

Picoult's books always start with the issue at hand, what she refers to as "the thing that keeps me up at night."

Her first attempt at writing on racism was inspired by a news piece about an African American undercover cop who was shot by a white co-worker.

"I totally failed. I couldn't write authentic characters or voice," she says. Picoult began doubting whether this was even her story to tell in the first place. "Do I really have the right to write about racism? "

It wasn't until 2012, when Picoult read a story about an African American nurse who was told by her hospital administration that she could not care for a newborn baby at the request of the child's white-supremacist parents, that she found her way in.

She imagined an emergency situation in which the nurse would be forced to take care of the child, which would lead to an arrest.

Small Great Things unravels the courtroom story from three perspectives: Ruth, the accused nurse; Turk, a staunch white supremacist; and Kennedy, a public defender who has her own complicated personal response to the scenario.

Picoult spent three years with "sensitivity readers". "I should not and would not have written the book without women of colour guiding me," Picoult said.

She met with two former white supremacists to better understand Turk, who she calls the most challenging character.

Most importantly, Picoult realized to whom she needed to address her novel.

"I was writing to people who look like me. I know how easy it is to point to a skinhead and say, 'that's a racist,' rather than point to yourself," she says.

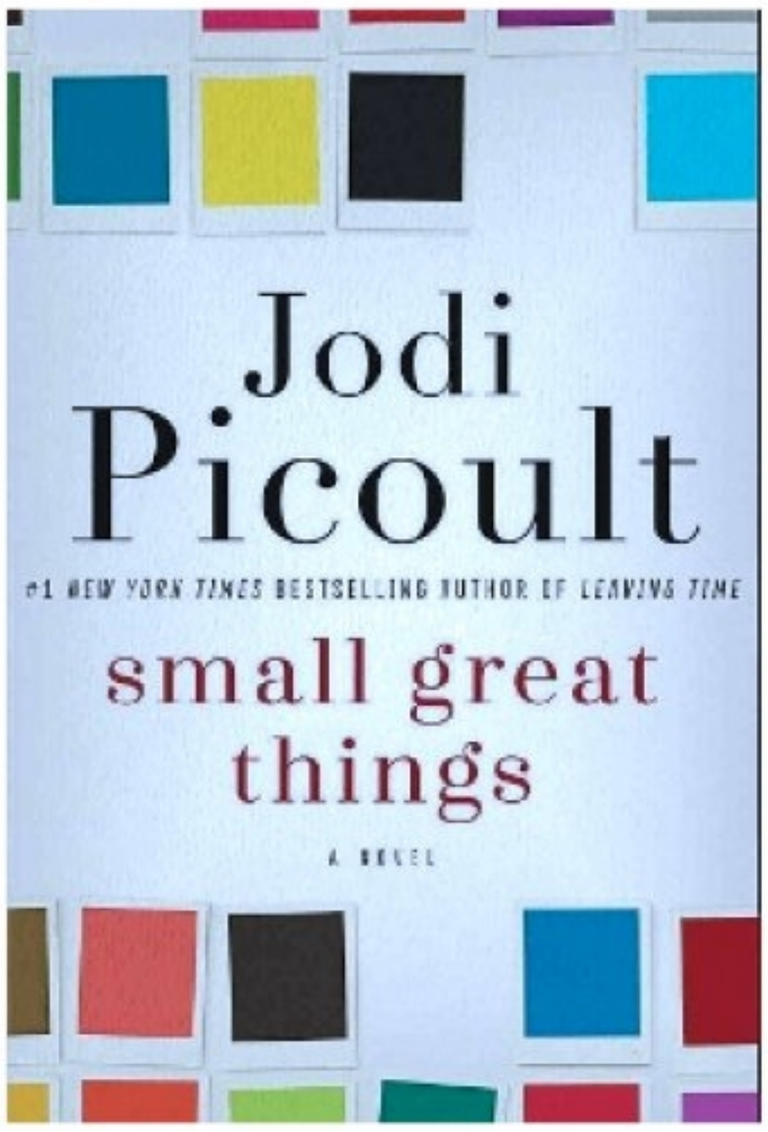
"I want people to tap into the privilege that they've had, and force them to admit the fact that racism isn't just about prejudice. You could take every skinhead and ship them off to Mars and you'd still have racism, because it's about power."

Picoult knows now that Small Great Things is out in the world she can't control the rhetoric surrounding it (she's already received harassing tweets from white supremacists).

But she holds strong in her conviction that more dialogue is the only way to move forward.

"I think that one of the biggest hurdles we have to face is that we will make mistakes when we talk about race. It's more important to talk about it and know that, and say, 'I'm so sorry. Thanks for educating me.'"

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



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GRAPHIC NOVEL

Courage of airmen shines in war comic

Mike Donachie
Metro | Canada

Dreaming Eagles
BY: Garth Ennis and Simon Coleby
PUBLISHER: Aftershock Comics

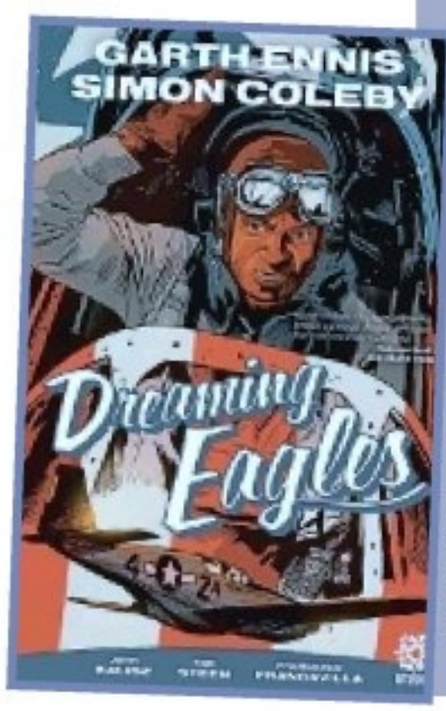
The Nazis were the enemy, but their own side wasn't too friendly either.

This is the story of the Tuskegee Airmen who fought the Luftwaffe in the air and prejudice on the ground during the Second World War.

Written by war comics maestro Ennis and drawn by vastly-underrated artist Coleby, it's fictionalized but inspired by the true events that saw the courage of these airmen shine through in frustrating, unjust circumstances.

And it uses an interesting idea to get its points across: the story is framed by 1960s sequence in which a father tells his son, for the first time, about his experiences in the war as a black fighter pilot. But the dad is doing it in an attempt to discourage his son from getting into trouble as a follower of Dr. Martin Luther King.

There are tough moral questions and conflicting loyalties throughout this story, plus a ton of excitement, adventure and tragedy. It doesn't let up, and it doesn't disappoint.



BOOK BRIEF

Charlamagne tha God has book coming next spring

After interviewing Hillary Clinton, Kanye West and Jay Z, among others, Charlamagne tha God is ready for something really challenging: writing a book.

The ever-raw television personality and co-host of the syndicated radio show "The Breakfast Club" has a deal with Simon & Schuster imprint Touchstone for "Black Privilege: Opportunity Comes to Those Who Create It." The book is scheduled for next spring, the publisher told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

With "brutally honest insights," Charlamagne plans to recount his rise from a dirt road in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, to national fame through radio and MTV.

Charlamagne said in a statement that as an English teacher's son he had always loved books and working on a book himself was a "dream fulfilled."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Funny is in the delivery

THE SHOW: Tracey Ullman's Show, Season 1, Episode 2
THE MOMENT: The tour guide

"We believe that a middle-aged Henry got to know a young Anne Boleyn on this very bed," an historic-home guide (Tracey Ullman) tells visitors. "He'd have had little trouble finding female company on those long nights away at the conference."

The visitors glance at one another. The guide winces but soldiers on: "It wasn't until 1532 that Henry was able to divorce his fiercely loyal but age appropriate wife. It's unlikely she ever got the whole truth. But if it was just business, why was the wine marked 'room service?'"

"Did they marry?" a visitor asks.

"Yes," the guide answers. "Even those who expressed their disapproval quickly swapped their allegiance for that little sl—." She stops herself, barely.

"Wasn't Anne—," begins a guest. "Beheaded! Lopped clean off!" the guide roars. "That would teach her, wouldn't it?"

She turns to exit the room. "Let's move on, shall we? Let's just try to move on."

Tracey Ullman takes on a number of characters in her new television show. CONTRIBUTED

Ullman is back in fine form with this sketch show, which intersperses recurring characters with one-offs like this. The sketches are unevenly funny, but they're fascinating, thanks to Ullman's acute observations of the way people like this guide speak and move, and the soft spots they're unaware of that make them who they are.

She has especial fun with Judi Dench, who uses her "national treasure" status to vandalize her way around London; and Angela Merkel. "Don't make the hair too poufy," her Merkel intones in a flat German ak-zent, "or the other leaders will be wild with lust."

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

For Ballinger, hate is a good thing

INTERVIEW

YouTube star says Netflix series reveals deeper story

Get this haters: Miranda Sings has her own TV show on Netflix — and it's appropriately titled, Haters Back Off!

Miranda is the quirky, overly confident wannabe celebrity who wears red lipstick drawn outside her lips. She started uploading videos of herself on YouTube in 2008, and she unabashedly believes that she's extremely talented and destined for stardom.

The character of Miranda is played by 29-year-old actress and comedian Colleen Ballinger.

Ballinger believes the original interest in Miranda came from viewers trying to figure out if she is a real person.

"The videos were getting passed around because people were trying to figure out if I was a real person, if I was an actress," Ballinger said in a recent interview. "They loved to hate me. ... I got a lot of hate mail and that's where the term 'haters back off' came from. And ... then it slowly shifted into the fans liking the videos and I started to pick up on what was trending online and trying to ... go with that and make this career snowball into something more than just a couple viral videos."

It's so important to having success online to make people feel like they really connect to you.

Colleen Ballinger on being open with fans

Colleen Ballinger stars in her own Netflix series called Haters Back Off! AP PHOTO/BRUCE BARTON

The Miranda Sings YouTube channel has more than 7 million subscribers.

Ballinger said that while she initially resisted revealing her identity, she now believes fans have embraced Miranda as a character. She also has her own personal YouTube channel where she vlogs and posts her own videos not in character.

"We're letting (viewers) into our home multiple times a week. They know everything about me. It's so important to having success online to make people feel like they really connect to you," Ballinger said.

On Haters Back Off! viewers see Miranda beyond the Internet.

"We've seen Miranda's YouTube videos online for many years, but this is the kind of story of what happens behind the camera and before she films a video and after she films a video and how does someone become Internet famous and how does that change their life once they do become famous and the inner workings of this girl who is a little bizarre and different," Ballinger said.

Viewers are also introduced to the other people in Miranda's world.

"It's also about this family who's a little quirky and a little weird and they're OK with that ... they don't have to stick to what is popular or what is beautiful or, you know, trendy. They're themselves and they're happy with that and I think that's an important message to share, too."

Ballinger says she always wanted to be a performer.

"I went to school for singing and, you know, I was a vocal performance major," said Ballinger. (That means those videos of Miranda singing off-key are jokes.)

"I wanted to do opera and musical theatre so, you know, I had big plans to go to New York and do Broadway and all this kind of stuff, but I never would have thought it would come from Miranda. Miranda was something I was doing for fun on the side. It was a fun hobby for me so I never thought it would become like a real job." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

K'naan faces backlash with TV show

PILOT

Community conflicted over portrayal of young Somalis

For Somali-Canadian rapper K'naan, the story he is trying to tell in his proposed HBO series Mogadishu, Minnesota is one he has lived — an immigrant trying to adjust to life in America.

But the 39-year-old ran into vocal opposition from fellow Somalis as he prepared to film the series pilot in Minneapolis, home to the largest Somali community in the U.S. While K'naan envisions a family drama, critics worry the series will focus on young Somalis who have gone overseas to join terrorist groups — concerns raised by the series' original title The Recruiters and the involvement of Academy Award-winning director Kathryn Bigelow (The Hurt Locker).

"'We don't want Muslims being stereotyped,'" K'naan says opponents tell him. "I say, 'Me, too. That's why I'm writing this.'"

Filming of the show's pilot wrapped Friday after shooting at about 14 main locations in the Minneapolis area. K'naan, who lived in Minneapolis in his early 20s, said he wanted to shoot in a city he found "inherently cinematic."

Born in Somalia, K'naan came to the U.S. when he was 13 and lived in New York and then Toronto, where he spent his teenage years. He said he is "trying to tell a story that reorganizes in the public consciousness how they see Muslim Americans," and wants to move away from stereotypes and tell a tale about "people's lives and how they really live them."

In a recent interview with The Associated Press he called Minneapolis "a new American experiment, a place where America is negotiating its differences and its commonalities."

"It's a new Ellis Island, in a way," said K'naan, who said he came up with the idea for the series — named after the capital of Somalia — about three years ago. "And I thought, what a great place to set a story, to dispel the myth about Somalis and immigrant threats and Muslims in general."

While K'naan emphasizes the true-life aspects of his characters (Sameer, described by HBO as "the Somali All-American boy" planning to go to college, and his father, Afrah, a former professor in Somalia, now working at a rental car company in the U.S.), opponents worry that the show will focus on the recruitment of young, disaffected Somalis to join terrorist groups and stoke Islamophobia.

More than 20 young Minnesota men have joined the militant group al-Shabab in Somalia since 2007, while about a dozen people have left to join militants in Syria. Nine Minnesota men are set to be sentenced later this month on terror charges for plotting to join the Daesh group.

Ayaan Dahir, 24, a student at the University of Minnesota, criticized the involvement of Bigelow, whose films include Zero Dark Thirty, about the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

"When the dust clears, we're the ones (who are) going to be left to pick up the pieces and continue to live here and be concerned about our safety," Dahir said.

But K'naan, who is making his directorial debut, insists the writing on Mogadishu, Minnesota is his alone, and that Bigelow is only an executive producer.

"This was my idea," said K'naan, who hopes the pilot leads to a 10-episode inaugural season.

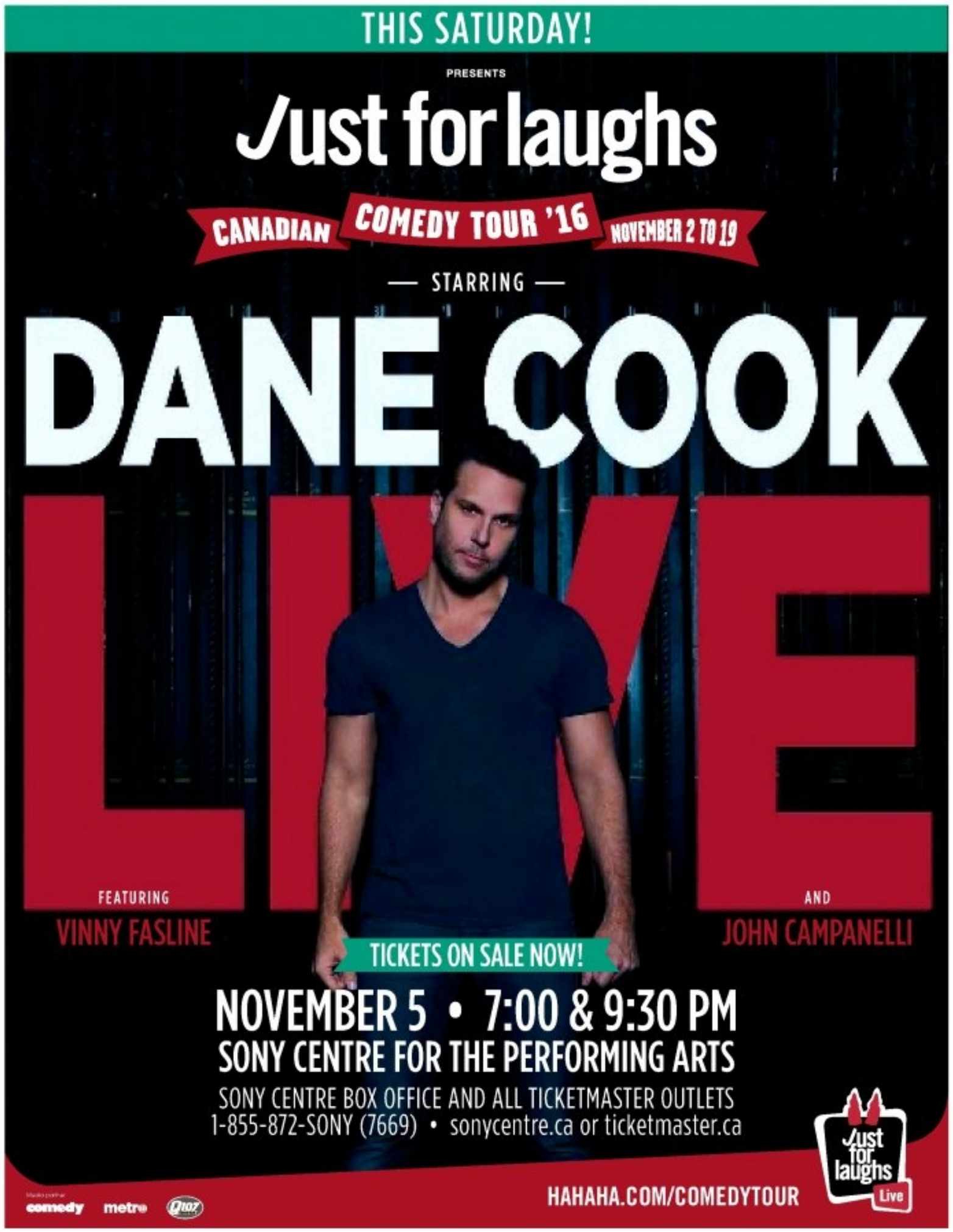
K'naan has met some resistance in Minnesota's largest city. In September, K'naan had to cut short a free performance in the Cedar-Riverside neighbourhood — in the heart of Minneapolis' Somali community — when a protest over the upcoming pilot broke out. Police used a chemical irritant on the crowd and arrested two people.

But some Somalis who are fans of K'naan embrace the idea of a series on the premium channel showcasing Somali-Americans.

"I'm pretty proud of it," said Mahdi Mohamed, 51, of Minneapolis, who came to the U.S. in 1984. "All America can see it now." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Somali Canadian rapper K'naan recently wrapped up the pilot for his show Mogadishu, Minnesota, which he has proposed to HBO for a 10-episode series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **A great place to set a story, to dispel the myth about Somalis and immigrant threats and Muslims in general.**
> K'naan on Minnesota as the setting for his show



Say it with a monogram

TAILOR MADE

Make your gifts personal by adding initials

Rhonda Riche

With the holiday season coming up, using initials to customize presents is a great way to show friends and family that you appreciate their individuality. It's also easy. Here are five services to help you create tailor-made treasures.

Sustainable style

Using customized initials is one way to elevate the value of everyday objects and add intimacy to a gift. If you're crafty, you can try individualizing wooden goods like coasters, serving forks and spoons, and cutting boards yourself. Pyrography (wood burning) takes practice and a steady hand, but it's a fun way to make useful gifts for big groups of people such as co-workers, members of a wedding party or as a memento of an anniversary. If you're less confident in your creativity, décor store West Elm will help you make a mark on housewares. Their personalization services include traditional techniques such as embroidered linens and etched glasses and barware, and more modern branded objects.

Minimalist monograms

If you have a clothes-crazy loved one on your gift list, it's easy to err on the side of a simple sweater or no-fuss button-down shirt, because a true fashionista will want to make it their own anyway. Yet even the most minimalist fashion fan wants to express their individuality, and Muji — the Japanese-based lifestyle store that epitomizes low-cost, simple chic — can fill that need. Muji's Yorkdale location features an in-store embroidery studio to customize their products on-site. Customers can choose from over 100 different designs to have stitched onto their comfortable, utilitarian clothing, cosmetic bags and accessories. The store also has two personal shopping consultants, an interior advisor and a styling advisor, to help you choose the monogram design and placement.

Lasting impressions

Everybody has at least one person on their gift list who doesn't know what they want. For these hard-to-buy-for-folk, give them something they need. For example, reward a writer with a pen or notebook. Or for someone who's obsessed with organization, a good leather wallet or tote bag with plenty of pockets. To make a practical gift more personal, consider having it embossed. Shinola, the Detroit-based heritage brand that makes everything from wristwatches to bicycles, also offers a wide range of planners and journals, tablet and phone cases and other office goods. The Toronto store, located at Queen and Ossington, is also home to a monogram station where you can emboss any initials or messages onto hard linen or leather goods.

Initial pendants make pretty personalized presents for people of all ages. ISTOCK

Engaging engraving

Bespoke bijoux are another easily personalized present. Pretty initial pendants for women never go out of style. And signet rings and monogrammed cufflinks add extra polish to menswear. Engraving heirlooms is an elegant way to make the gift of metal objects extra special. And thanks to machine and laser engraving, there are many affordable ways to individualize a gift. Lasers let you engrave almost anywhere, meaning that monograms can be as discreet or as flashy as you want them to be. It also gives you a wide range of typography options. At Parkdale's Made You Look, silversmiths can not only work with you to create a one-of-a-kind piece of jewellery for your loved one, they also offer a variety of services to help you initialize your purchase. Whether you go with traditional hand engraving or machine and laser techniques, your monogrammed gift is sure to make a statement.

Food for thought

While customizing a gift can be as discreet as embroidering initials on the cuff of a shirt, monogramming is a matter of personal taste. One thing to consider before giving someone a bespoke gift is that, if they don't like it, it can't be returned. Which is why you can never go wrong with customized edible gifts. If you're unsure whether the person on your gift list would wear a monogram, you can be pretty sure they would eat one. Nadège, the Toronto-based chain of patisseries, offers 26 chocolate tablets in alphabet wrappers: one for every letter. You can also use monograms to signal that a gift is from you.

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CONDO TRENDS

Gluckstein, Lagerfeld putting their mark on city

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

A hand-drawn sketch created by global style icon, Karl Lagerfeld, depicting one of two iconic lobbies that will grace the entrances to the Art Shoppe Lofts + Condos. CONTRIBUTED

Toronto condo developers are recruiting the talents of some A-list designers to adorn some of the city's more iconic residences.

Acclaimed interior designer Brian Gluckstein has collaborated with Toronto developer North Drive, to bring a new, classical boutique condominium to fruition.

4 The Kingsway is not your average condo. The architecturally eye-catching Flat Iron-styled building is a landmark residential development at the gateway of the Kingsway community.

The project consists of an eight-storey midrise with 30 suites and four townhouses.

Gluckstein tells Metro that the building was designed from the outset to be architecturally consistent with the surrounding homes in the neighbourhood.

"That set the tone for the project. Many of the purchasers will be coming from homes within the neighbourhood, so we looked at what they're coming from and what they might like."

Gluckstein sees a trend with condo buyers seeking a classic traditional residence, but with a more contemporary look.

"That's the way many of the purchasers are going. They want references to the past but they don't want to create a totally traditional environment," he says.

"We look at how people are buying beautiful, traditional apartments in old buildings in Paris or in London or Florence. But still, you see how the Europeans are mixing modern furniture with that, so they're embracing the traditional architecture and contrasting it with contemporary furniture."

In another eye-opening condo endeavour, Capital Developments and Freed Developments recently unveiled Karl Lagerfeld's vision for Lobbies by Lagerfeld, two iconic lobbies that will serve as entranceways to the Art Shoppe Lofts + Condos.

The mixed-used development is located in one of Toronto's busiest and growing neighbourhoods, near the intersection of Yonge and Eglinton where the Crosstown LRT line is currently under construction.

> **They want references to the past but they don't want to create a totally traditional environment.**
> Brian Gluckstein, on today's condo buyers

Capital Developments' managing partner, Jordan Dermer says that the mammoth project fronting on a full city block of Toronto's Yonge Street, required a grand entrance — two in fact — to make a powerful statement.

"This project's location, size and presence demanded that we pursue a very bold vision for the Art Shoppe Lofts + Condos. Karl was the perfect partner to achieve this vision, and his exceptional team was instrumental in making this all come true."

This is Lagerfeld's first Canadian project. It reflects his visionary style, with bold, monochromatic schemes.

As might be expected, the design is not typically Canadian, but it has a touch of the north. The contemporary interiors feature a dramatic palate of mirror and glass and oversized bookshelves curated by Lagerfeld himself.

BILD

Millennials want houses, but most can only afford condos

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

As more millennials look to buy their first homes, many are finding themselves priced out of the market.

Millennials are a fast-growing segment of the population and one that's becoming increasingly important when it comes to housing.

Every year more millennials are having children and for many this is causing a shift in their housing wants and needs.

It seems that most millennials don't want to raise their families in high-rise condominiums.

A survey by the Toronto Real Estate Board earlier this year found that 75 per cent of millennials intend to purchase a low-rise home in the GTA, preferably a single-family detached one.

Unfortunately in today's GTA housing market, that is going to be a challenge. While demand for those homes may be increasing, there are not as many of them being built.

We, the GTA home building and land development industry, are following provincial growth policy and are building significantly fewer low-rise homes, especially single family detached homes, than a decade ago.

At the beginning of this millennium, nearly 70 per cent of the new homes that we sold in the GTA were ground-related homes. Today, less than half of the new homes that we sell are single detached, semis and townhomes.

There are fewer sales because there are fewer homes available.

Over the past 10 years we have had a significant decline in the number of low-rise homes available for purchase in builders' inventories. At the end of September, there were only 1,604 low-rise homes available in the GTA. That is one-tenth of the 16,560 homes available in 2006.

Demand for low-rise homes has not gone down with supply and prices have gone up and continue to go up each month. In September, the average price of a new low-rise home in the GTA was $992,231.

For a growing number of millennials, condominiums are the only option for owning a home.

The industry has responded and condo developments are now featuring an increasing amount of larger suites and amenities geared towards families.

For much of the last decade, condo prices remained stable because unit sizes kept getting smaller.

Now that suites sizes are growing, we are seeing marked increases in condo prices.

In September, the average price of high-rise homes in the GTA hit a record high of $486,605.

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Master-planned near Aldershot

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Project overview

Phase three of Aldershot's newest mobility hub is a master-planned community that will consist of contemporary luxury condos. The twin, six-storey midrise buildings feature extensive balconies and terraces and design-forward features and finishes.

Building amenities

The amenity area connects the two buildings, and contains the lobby and concierge, a party room, fitness centre and outdoor terrace. There's also a rooftop terrace on the west building and underground parking.

Location and transit

This transit-connected and walkable community offers direct access to the Aldershot GO station platform, as well a car and bike share program. Located near the intersection of Waterdown and Plains Rd. E., motorists have access to major highways.

In the area

Stationwest will also feature a natural conservation area with a park. The Village of Waterdown's quaint downtown offers shopping and lifestyle choices. Also nearby is the famous Royal Botanical Gardens and waterfront trails at LaSalle Park.

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: The West Condominiums at Stationwest
Builder: Adi Development Group
Architect: Icon Architects
Interiors: U31
Location: 101 Masonry Ct., in Burlington
Building: Two buildings with 168 units
Sizes: 340 to 865 sq. ft.
Pricing: Starting from the $190,000s
Suites: Ranging from studios to two-bedroom plus den
Status: Pre-construction phase
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Swansea: Here's an elegant three-bedroom, executive townhouse by the lake that's being shown this weekend. Check it out at 8 Windermere Ave., TH 16 on Nov. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m., and Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Andrew Ipekian, Keller Williams Referred Urban Realty, Brokerage. 416-572-1016

2 CONDO BARBECUE

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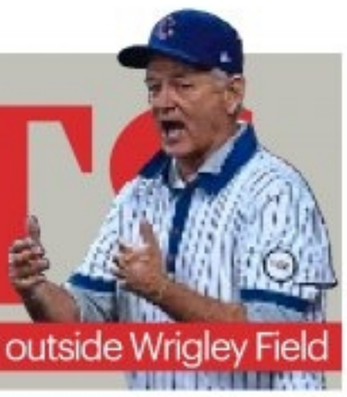

Bill Murray reportedly gave ticketless Cubs fan Karen Michel a seat to Game 6 of the World Series when she ran into the film star outside Wrigley Field

DeRozan dazzles Wizards

NBA

All-star guard's 40 points lead Raps to win over East rival

DeMar DeRozan continued his hot start by scoring 40 points and outduelling John Wall in a showcase of all-star guards as the Toronto Raptors beat the winless Washington Wizards 113-103 on Wednesday night.

DeRozan was 14 of 23 from the floor despite leaving the game briefly to get his ankles taped. Raptors backcourt mate Kyle Lowry needed three stitches to close a cut below his right eye but still scored 18 points.

Those problems didn't slow down the Raptors (3-1) as they spoiled the home opener for the Wizards (0-3). Terrence Ross added 15 points for Toronto.

Wall was dominant in leading Washington with 33 points on 13 of 19 shooting and 11 assists. Otto Porter was 11 of 13 from the field for 23 points and Bradley Beal scored 15, but the Wizards did themselves in with 21 turnovers that Toronto turned into 30 points.

Wall almost singlehandedly led the Wizards back in the fourth quarter, awakening the crowd of 19,581 when he stole the ball from Lowry and tied the score at 92. But DeRozan and Lowry put on an offensive clinic down the stretch as Washington couldn't stop them or force the ball elsewhere.

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DeRozan tied Mike James' franchise record of four consecutive 30-point games. He had 40, 32 and 33 points in the first three games.

DeRozan also tied Jose Calderon for the second-most games played in Raptors history with his 525th. He's 18 away from tying Morris Peterson for first.

Toronto has now won eight consecutive regular-season meetings with the Wizards and 11 of the past 12.

The Raptors host the Miami Heat on Friday.

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Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan shoots over Wizards centre Marcin Gortat on Wednesday night in Washington. ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Kadri fine with finding the twine

Nazem Kadri's once rotten luck has taken a sharp turn for the better.

The 26-year-old Maple Leafs centre was 27 games and more than 100 shots into the 2015-16 campaign before he had five goals on the board. Kadri has already matched that modest milestone this season on just 21 shots in 10 games, including a pair against the Oilers on Tuesday night.

"It's crazy the difference," Kadri said after practice on Wednesday afternoon.

Every shot feels like it will drop during hot streaks like this one. The puck seems to wind up on the tape almost incessantly. It feels like there is endless time and space to make plays.

> **"When you're on a drought, not scoring, it seems like the goalies are massive, three times the size they normally are.**
>
> Nazem Kadri

"When you're on a drought, not scoring, it seems like the goalies are massive, three times the size they normally are, the net's three times smaller," Kadri explained.

"When you start to produce and score goals you just start to feel better about yourself and more comfortable. You don't second-guess the reaction plays that you make on the ice they just naturally happen."

Kadri finished with 17 goals on a career-high 260 shots (3.4 per game), the 11th most of any player in hockey. His 6.5 per cent shooting percentage, though, was a career-low in a full season.

Leafs coach Mike Babcock publicly prodded Kadri to work on the quality of his shot last year, and Kadri said he tried to address both the mechanics and release of his attempts.

"It's got to improve a lot more," Babcock said Wednesday. "He scores from in tight, but why not expand on that?"

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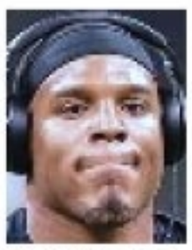
NFL

Newton-commish chat leads to fine

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton's concerns about "illegal hits" have been heard by the NFL — and action has been taken.

A person familiar with the situation says Arizona Cardinals defensive tackle Calais Campbell has been fined $18,000 for his hit on Newton in Sunday's game. The person spoke to The Associated Press Wednesday on condition of anonymity because the league does not publicly announce fines.



Cam Newton
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Newton had a phone conversation with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on Tuesday about his perspective on the hits he takes from defensive players while in the pocket.

"I got my point across. He got his point across. That's it," Newton said earlier Wednesday.

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IN BRIEF

Cubs backers hope to channel legendary spirit

Some Cubs fans were hoping they could break a 108-year-old World Series championship drought by leaving items at the New York grave of Johnny Evers, the second baseman for the Cubs team that won the 1908 World Series. The fans hoped to awaken enough of a winning spirit to beat Cleveland in the World Series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Go to metronews.ca for coverage of Game 7 of the World Series.

NBA

Durant downplays game vs. old team

As much as Kevin Durant might try to downplay the drama, when he steps on the court against his former Oklahoma City team for the first time Thursday night emotions will be flying high for both sides.

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OKC's Russell Westbrook went into Wednesday leading the league in scoring.

And there's more: Durant's new Golden State team rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat Oklahoma City in the Western Conference final just over five months ago.

"I wouldn't say weird. I'll just be locked in to follow the game plan, and just playing," Durant said. "But once you step on the court and see the different jersey I'm sure it will hit me."

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It's Toronto FC versus everyone

MLS PLAYOFFS

Reds have plenty of bulletin-board material for New Y

Coach Greg Vanney says it will be Toronto FC against the world Sunday when his team takes on New York City FC at Yankee Stadium.

While Toronto holds a 2-0 lead going into the second leg of the Eastern Conference semifinal, Vanney has had reason to feel disrespected this week. Toronto players were snubbed when it came to MLS award finalists and NYCFC star David Villa, one of three candidates for MVP, escaped punishment for kicking midfielder Armando Cooper.

"All the trophies are irrelevant if we can lift the last trophy at the end of the year," said the Toronto coach, taking the high road while referencing the MLS Cup.

But Vanney, helped by a string of questions on the topic, could not leave it there.

Not having star striker Sebastian Giovinco, the reigning league MVP, as one of the three finalists for this year's award was "ridiculous," he said.

Giovinco's 32 points (17 goals and 15 assists) led the league this season and ranked No. 4 on the league's all-time list behind his own record of 38 last season, Chris Wondolowski's 34 (in 2012) and Jason Kreis's 33 (1999). And the Italian managed it despite missing six games through injury this season.

Vanney also pointed to a defence that conceded 19 fewer goals this season.

"As I recall we were the second-best defensive team in the league," he added. "So that counts for something."

If other players feel slighted — Drew Moor likely merited consideration for defender of the year — Vanney suggested it could serve as motivation going into New York.

Asked about his omission, a classy Moor praised finalists Matt Hedges of FC Dallas, Axel Sjoberg of the Colorado Rapids and Jelle Van Damme of the Los Angeles Galaxy as "very worthy" candidates.

"What I'm most proud of is our team performance defensively this season," he added.

NYCFC has its work cut out to climb out of a 2-0 hole. At the least, it needs to blank Toronto and score twice to even the score. If TFC does get a goal, the New Yorkers will have to score four times given away goals count double in the event the aggregate score is tied after 180 minutes.

Knowing NYCFC led the league in scoring with 62 goals (35 of which came at home), Vanney is not taking the opposition lightly.

"It's MLS. We've seen some crazy things over the years," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **If you asked me what I really think about those awards, it's that they mean absolutely nothing and that I don't care about them.**
> Michael Bradley, TFC captain and awards atheist

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Reality check for Real Madrid in Poland

One more team booked a ticket in the knockout stage of the Champions League on Wednesday and it wasn't the star-studded defending champion, Real Madrid.

Needing a win at Legia Warsaw to advance, Madrid squandered a 2-0 lead and allowed the Polish side to earn its first point of the campaign in what became a highly embarrassing 3-3 draw for the Spanish powerhouse.

But while Zinedine Zidane's team struggled, Borussia Dortmund had no such trouble and advanced to the knockout stages with two games to spare after a 1-0 win over Sporting Lisbon. It joins Arsenal, Paris Saint-Germain, Atletico Madrid and five-time winner Bayern Munich, which all qualified on Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

- **Monaco 3,** CSKA 0
- **Dortmund 1,** Sporting 0
- Legia 3, Real Madrid 3
- **Sevilla 4,** Dinamo Zagreb 0
- Tottenham 0, **Bayer 1**
- Juventus 1, Lyon 1
- Copenhagen 0, Leicester 0
- **Porto 1,** Club Brugge 0

Zinedine Zidane
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Zidane said he wasn't surprised by a result that saw his team slip to second place in Group F, two points behind Dortmund.

"It was a strange match, it didn't go the way we wanted it to," the Madrid manager said. "We lacked a bit of everything. Above all, when you score two goals we dropped our intensity, and when you do that they can score. Now we are going to forget this game."

Polish supporters didn't have a chance to celebrate at Wojska Polskiego Stadium, as the doors had been closed to the public by UEFA as a penalty for fans' racist behaviour and the fireworks thrown during a previous loss to Dortmund.

Coming off a hat trick in the Spanish league, Cristiano Ronaldo finished empty-handed and remains two goals short of scoring his 100th goal in European competition.

Leicester dropped its first points in its first foray into the Champions League and needs to wait for another round of matches to seal a place in the last 16. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Archrivals await Canada after win over Sweden
Canada defeated Sweden 3-1 on Wednesday in Vierumaki, Finland to set up a pair of showdowns with the Americans at the Four Nations women's hockey tournament.

The first game will close out round-robin play Friday. Since both teams will enter with 2-0-0 records, they have already locked up berths in the championship game Saturday.
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Djokovic tops Muller in Paris
Novak Djokovic began his quest for a fourth straight Paris Masters title with a comfortable 6-3, 6-4 win against Gilles Muller of Luxembourg in the second round of the Paris Masters on Wednesday.

The top-ranked Serb broke Muller's serve once in each set and sealed victory with an ace. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vikings lose O co-ordinator
Vikings offensive co-ordinator Norv Turner abruptly resigned Wednesday, stunning the team two days after losing its second consecutive game.

Coach Mike Zimmer said the decision was made entirely by Turner, who was replaced by Pat Shurmur.
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RECIPE Cauliflower Cous Cous Bowl with Roasted Veggies

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Cauliflower your whole life after trying it as the "base" to these veggies.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 sweet potato, cut into pieces
- 2 cups quartered Brussels sprouts
- 1 tbsp olive oil plus two teaspoons
- 1 head cauliflower
- 1 tbsp salt, plus 2 teaspoons
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta
- 1 pat of butter
- 4 eggs

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400. In a bowl, toss the sweet potato and Brussels sprouts with 2 tsps olive oil and 1/2 tsp salt. Spread out on a pan and roast until golden brown.

2. Cut cauliflower into small florets and pulse in food processor until they are broken into cous cous-sized granules.

3. Heat a skillet over medium heat and add 1 tbsp oil. Add cauliflower to the pan and sprinkle with remaining salt. Add cumin and stir. Cook until the cous cous is tender, about 4 to 5 minutes. Take off heat and set aside.

4. Place butter in frying pan over medium heat and add four eggs. Remove eggs from pan once the whites are set and the yolks are cooked to your preference.

5. Mix together and sprinkle with feta, top with eggs.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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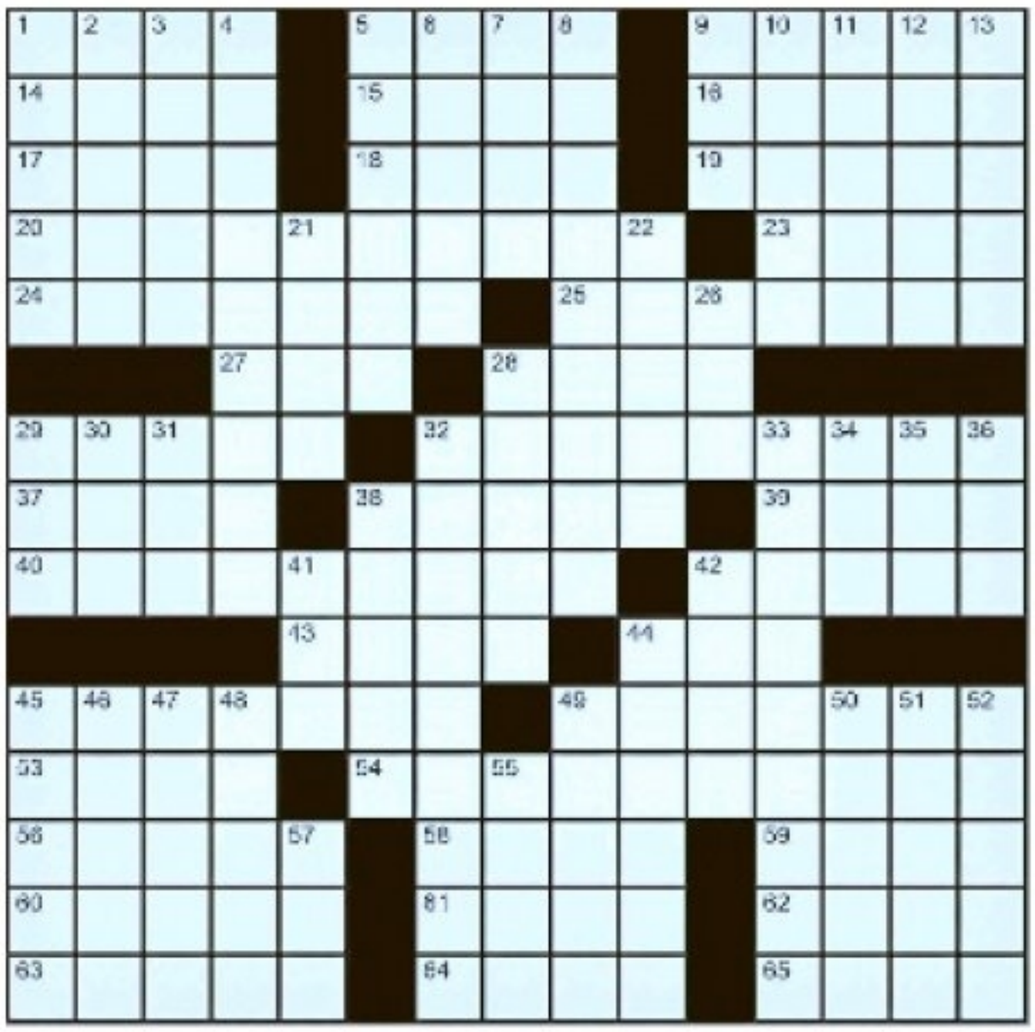

ACROSS
1. Composed
5. _ up (Support)
9. Throbs
14. Margarine
15. Diner side order
16. Will, fancy-style
17. Ken of "thirty-something"
18. "Tell me _ _ haven't heard before!"
19. Sorta
20. People to look up to: 2 wds.
23. Diving bird
24. 'The Town of Friendly People' in the South Georgian Bay area of Ontario
25. Serving soup
27. Yo-Yo or Slinky
28. Read: French
29. Canadian actor Raymond's
32. Cake decorator's tool: 2 wds.
37. Largest continent
38. Garbage spots
39. Shield's centre knob
40. Acadian dish of grated potatoes: 2 wds.
42. Hemmed-and-_ (Hesitated)
43. Deeply absorbed
44. Furrow
45. Ironer's target
49. Sticky forest resin: 2 wds.
53. Santa _, California
54. Column-like formation rising from a cavern's floor
56. Perform off-the-cuff
58. Twofold
59. Many times: 2 wds.
60. Vex
61. Segment
62. Ms. Horne
63. Carried
64. Mr. Preminger
65. Figure skating jump

DOWN
1. Beer brand, _ Light
2. Dispense
3. Priestess in Georges Bizet opera The Pearl Fishers
4. Movie of 1965 in which Canadian actor Glenn Ford stars as a policeman with financial problems, with The: 2 wds.
5. "Feh!"
6. Holidaying human's hope: letter + word + letter
7. "_ _ where wide the golden sunlight flows..." - Richard Watson Gilder
8. Ryan of "Gosford Park" (2001)
9. Inquire
10. Cool down
11. Vietnam's capital
12. American Gothic city in Iowa
13. Gnarly! instead of Great!, for instance
21. Followers of H-I-J-K-Ls
22. Draped dresses
26. Lair
28. Boundary
29. Saloon
30. G7 member
31. Mr. Torn
32. Casey and Finnegan: 2 wds.
33. Central American nation
34. Since-1916 car co.
35. Mr. Vigoda
36. Deity
38. Bargains
41. Bug
42. _ jury
44. _ Bridge (1500s-built oldest crosser of Venice's Grand Canal)
45. Blanketed, to a Bard
46. _ Drive (Swanky street in Beverly Hills)
47. Small island
48. Green
49. S'il vous _ (Please)
50. Proctor _ (Kitchen appliance company)
51. Make amends
52. Bloom bit
55. Kyle Richards, to Paris Hilton
57. _ of lettuce

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Continue to focus on matters related to shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt, because this is what you need to sort out. You also have practical ideas about this.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will need more rest now because during this time of year, you are tired. Nevertheless, discussions with others will be lively and dynamic. Look for ways to improve your job.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
At this time, you are setting high standards for yourself because you want to be efficient, productive and effective in everything you do. With this winning attitude, you can't lose!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Make sure you take time for the arts, sporting events and playful activities with children, because this month you want to enjoy yourself. It's perfectly OK to put yourself first.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Home, family and your private life continue to be your focus now. Act on practical ideas about making repairs where you live.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Short trips and discussions with others will create a busy schedule. In addition, many of you are reading, writing and studying more than usual.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your focus is on money, earnings and cash flow, but you also are wondering about your basic values in life. Essentially, the question is: What really matters?

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
With the Sun in your sign now, you easily attract people and favorable situations. Make the most of this, because it isn't always this easy.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Work alone or behind the scenes, because this will suit you now. Avoid shopping today for anything other than food or gas.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are popular now. Not only will you be involved with friends, but group activities will also place demands on you. People are willing to help.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You look good in the eyes of others, especially bosses, VIPs and parents. Knowing this, you can make your pitch and ask for what you want.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Grab every chance to travel that comes your way now, because you need a change of scenery. If you can sign up for a course or pursue further studies, this will please you as well.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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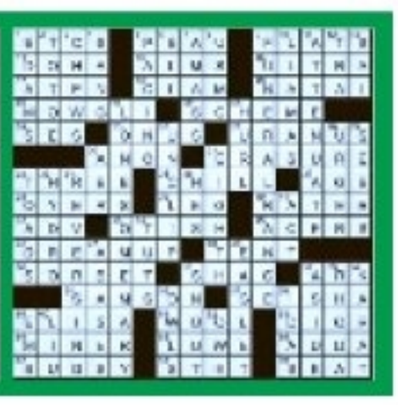

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